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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 31, 2000, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified patent application. A Request for Extension of Time extending the time for responding to the Office Action one (1) month from June 30, 2000 to July 31, 2000, is submitted herewith.

Remarks

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Welna U.S. Patent No. 5,578,671. The claims contained in the application as filed are believed to be patentable over the Welna patent for the reasons outlined below.

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